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BECKER STAYS CONSISTENT TO WIN 30TH CONNECTICUT SENIOR OPEN

PGA Members, Kelley & Marrello Tie For Second

GROTON, Conn. – James “Jim” Becker traveled a short distance to the Connecticut Senior Open after finishing sixth and third the last two years and has always been able to score well since he began playing in the Open at age 50. Becker’s numbers seemed to finally come in this year, after firing a four-under-par total of 138 (68, 70) for the win.

“I actually played phenomenal in the first round,” says Becker. “To be honest, I just didn’t play as good today. But I hung in there and I kept telling my wife that’s what we had to do. I hit a couple good shots in a row on 12 and 13, and as it turned out, it put me in the lead. I just played decent from then on in.”

“I have been playing very well and in the past I’ve played well here.

I’m 56 now and it’s been 5 years of coming close, coming close, coming close,” Becker continues. “I’m just so happy that it happened and I’m tickled to death of the accomplishment.”

Playing the very same threesome today and both finishing two strokes back at two-under-par, 140 was Tony Kelley of Wykoff Country Club and Fran Marrello, Active PGA Member of Plymouth, Conn. After 9 holes today, Kelley held a two-stroke lead with a four-under-par total following birdies on both #8 and #9.

“I got to four-under after #9 today and was feeling good,” says Kelley.

“Yesterday I hiccupped on 10, 11, 12 and today I did the same thing.

I hit a bad drive on 10, but I got a good break, and just hit continually bad shots to make a double. From then, I picked it up and played ok coming in until 17 where I was buried in the face of the bunker and 3 putted.” Kelley enjoys this event immensely and even with his less than stellar back nine performance, he said, “...overall, I’m pretty happy.”

Eric Morrison, head superintendent at Shennecossett Golf Course was awarded the newly coined Morrison Medal given for his exceptional service to the Connecticut Senior Open over the last 15 years at Shennecossett. Each year, the Morrison Medal will be given to a person who truly emulates the spirit of the Connecticut Senior Open and works tirelessly to make it happen.

Morrison and his staff receive constant compliments about the course from players in the Open. This latest comment is from our newly crowned Champion. “It’s a great golf course,” compliments Becker. “Everyone, even guys who are older, can roll the ball on the green, and I just hope they never change it. It’s a hell of a venue and everyone gets excited to play it. ‘Shenny’ is awesome.”

The Connecticut Section PGA would like to thank Club Car, Lake of Isles/Troon Golf, and The Waterford Hotel Group for their support. Thank you as always to Shennecossett Golf Course staff and grounds crew, the Par 4 Restaurant staff, the Town of Groton, and to all the volunteers for making the 30th Connecticut Senior Open a special anniversary.

Visit the following URL for more information:

<http://ctpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/ctpga12/event/ctpga1213/index.htm>

About the Connecticut Section PGA

The Connecticut Section PGA is one of 41 sections chartered that together comprise the Professional Golfers' Association of America. All of the state of Connecticut – with the exception of territory south and west of a line between the cities of Danbury and Bridgeport, and the western half of the state of Massachusetts, except for a small northwestern corner of the state – are the boundaries for the section. There are a total of 370 golf professionals affiliated with the section.

These professionals are employed at over 175 PGA Recognized Golf Facilities throughout the region, with the exception of Life Members.

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30th Connecticut Senior Open

Jul 9 - Jul 10, 2012

Connecticut Senior O 1	James Becker	Windsor, CT	Tower Ridge CC
68-70--138 -4			
T2	Tony Kelley	Holyoke, MA	Wyckoff
69-71--140 -2			
T2	Fran Marrello	Plymouth, CT	
69-71--140 -2			
T4	Jerry Courville	Stratford, CT	
72-69--141 -1			
T4	David Jones (a)	Norwich, CT	Mohegan Sun CC
68-73--141 -1			
6	Tom Joyce	Huntington, NY	
72-71--143 +1			
T7	Mike Diffley	Pelham Manor, NY	
72-72--144 +2			
T7	John Gentile	Ormond Beach, FL	
71-73--144 +2			
T7	Derek Waddington (a)	Hebron, CT	Manchester CC
71-73--144 +2			
T7	Bob Kay	Hartford, CT	Tumble Brook CC
66-78--144 +2			
11	Bob Affelder	Berlin, MD	
73-72--145 +3			
T12	Sean Garrity	Fairfield, CT	
75-72--147 +5			

T12	John McPhee	Waccabuc, NY	
	74-73--147 +5		
T12	Michael Ryan	Johnston, RI	
	73-74--147 +5		
T12	Lloyd Fisher	Grand Rapids, MI	
	68-79--147 +5		
T16	Kerry Johnston	Indio, CA	
	75-73--148 +6		
T16	Mike Caporale	Manhasset, NY	
	75-73--148 +6		
T16	David Szewczul (a)	Farmington, CT	Tunxis Plantation
	74-74--148 +6		
T16	David Blovish (a)	Ellington, CT	Ellington Ridge CC
	72-76--148 +6		
T16	Tom Gleeton	Waterbury, CT	CC of Waterbury
	72-76--148 +6		
T21	Scott Knights	Glastonbury, CT	Glastonbury Hills CC
	75-74--149 +7		
T21	Mike Dukette (a)	Stafford Springs, CT	Twin Hills CC
	75-74--149 +7		
T21	Bill Hermanson (a)	East Lyme, CT	Black Hall Club
	74-75--149 +7		
T21	Ronnie Pfaefflin	Winsted, CT	Norfolk CC
	73-76--149 +7		
T21	Ralph Salito	Trumbull, CT	The Club at River
Oaks	73-76--149 +7		
T21	Mike Gramelis	West Haven, CT	Golf Galaxy-
Milford	73-76--149 +7		
T21	Mickey Hawkes	Clinton, CT	Hawkes Golf Vehicles
LLC	71-78--149 +7		
T28	Ron Dellostritto	Wethersfield, CT	Wethersfield CC
	78-72--150 +8		
T28	John Manning	Bridgeport, CT	
	77-73--150 +8		
T28	Kevin Foster (a)	Simsbury, CT	
	76-74--150 +8		
T28	Paul Brown	Southington, CT	Southington Country
Club	74-76--150 +8		
T28	Larry Bolduc (a)	Rocky Hill, CT	Tallwood Country
Club	73-77--150 +8		
T28	Ward Weischet (a)	Guilford, CT	
	72-78--150 +8		
T28	James Gentile (a)	New Britain, CT	CC of Farmington
	72-78--150 +8		
T35	Manny Cavalieri (a)	Wetherfield, CT	
	77-74--151 +9		
T35	Dave Scarpetta	Kingsley, PA	
	76-75--151 +9		

T35	Ken Green	Danbury, CT	
	75-76--151 +9		
T35	Jack Bracken (a)	Avon, CT	
	75-76--151 +9		
T35	B Shawn McLoughlin (a)	Newtown, CT	
	74-77--151 +9		
T35	Bret Watzka	Tampa, FL	
	74-77--151 +9		
T41	Bill Barry Jr. (a)	Hampden, MA	Elmcrest
	76-76--152	76-76--152 +10	
T41	James Tierney (a)	Danbury, CT	Richter Park GC
	75-77--152 +10		
T41	Jim MacDonald	Orange Park, FL	
	75-77--152 +10		
T41	Joseph Conroy (a)	Durham, CT	Lyman Orchards GC
	72-80--152 +10		
T46	Dj McBride	West Warwick, RI	
	77-76--153 +11		
T46	Eddie Binder (a)	West Hartford, CT	Wampanoag CC
	76-77--153 +11		
T46	Donnie Jarvis	Bayville, NY	
	75-78--153 +11		
T46	Bobby Powell	Hartford, CT	The First Tee of
	Connecticut 74-79--153 +11		
T50	Tony Saraceno	Cortland, NY	
	78-76--154 +12		
T50	Michael Bedus (a)	Suffield, CT	Indian Hill CC
	78-76--154 +12		
T50	Gene Cufone (a)	New Haven, CT	Alling Memorial GC
	76-78--154 +12		
T50	Carl Pedersen	Navarre, FL	
	76-78--154 +12		
T50	David Wheatley (a)	Oakdale, CT	
	73-81--154 +12		
T55	Tom Scarrozzo (a)	Avon, CT	Blue Fox Run
	Red/White 78-77--155 +13		
T55	Rob Bartha (a)	East Hartford, CT	
	78-77--155 +13		
T55	Todd Payne (a)	Bridgewater, CT	Ridgewood
	77-78--155 +13		
T55	Vincent Scarpetta (a)	Moosic, PA	
	76-79--155 +13		
T55	William Lee (a)	New Haven, CT	Yale University GC
	76-79--155 +13		
T55	Bob Joyce	Southampton, NY	
	75-80--155 +13		
T55	Ray Underwood (a)	New Preston, CT	
	75-80--155 +13		

T55 David DiRico	West Springfield, MA	Dave DiRico's Golf & Racquet
74-81--155 +13		
T55 Bob Ross	Washington, NJ	
73-82--155 +13		
T64 John Catarino (a)	Rocky Hill, CT	
77-79--156 +14		
T64 Frank Judson (a)	Wolcott, CT	Watertown GC
75-81--156 +14		
T64 James Ransford (a)	Portland, CT	
75-81--156 +14		
T67 Jim Goshdigian	Hartford, CT	
78-80--158 +16		
T67 Mike Carney	Watertown, CT	Watertown Golf Club
77-81--158 +16		
T67 Robert Savard (a)	Lecanto, FL	Black Diamond Ranch
77-81--158 +16		
T67 Roger Everin (a)	Glastonbury, CT	Wethersfield CC
77-81--158 +16		
T71 Dale Ezyk	Montville, CT	Brooklyn Country Club
78-81--159 +17		
T71 Tad Constant	Cumberland, RI	
77-82--159 +17		
T71 William Dober (a)	Fairfield, CT	Brooklawn
77-82--159 +17		
T74 Nicholas Bogannam (a)	Fairfield, CT	
77-85--162 +20		
T74 Fred Daniels (a)	Tolland, CT	Ellington Ridge CC
76-86--162 +20		
T76 Joe Polizzano (a)	Stratford, CT	
78-86--164 +22		
T76 John Sakon (a)	Glastonbury, CT	Wintonbury Hills GC
78-86--164 +22		

MISSED CUT

CUT Mark Toscano (a)	Westerly, RI	Shennecossett GC
+8		
CUT Ted Perez	Westfield, MA	East Mountain CC
+8		
CUT Mark Powers (a)	Guilford, CT	Alling Memorial GC
+8		
CUT Rick Lawrence (a)	Ridgefield, CT	Ridgewood
+8		
CUT Louis Stone (a)	New Haven, CT	
+8		
CUT Tom Lupinacci	Montauk, NY	
CUT Gary Reynolds	Farmington, CT	PGA Life Member
+8		

CUT Paul Ryiz	Shelton, CT	Brownson CC
+8		
CUT Bob Spaniotis (a)	Wethersfield, CT	
+8		
CUT Bruce Krackowsky (a)	Granby, CT	Blue Fox Run
Red/White		+8
CUT Kammy Maxfeldt	Westport, CT	
+8		
CUT Don Leon (a)	Portland, CT	Glastonbury Hills CC
+9		
CUT Dave Steffan	Tolland, CT	Hartford GC
+9		
CUT Tim Gavronski	Kensington, CT	Shuttle Meadow CC
+9		
CUT Mike Natale (a)	New Milford, CT	East Mountain
+9		
CUT Greg Hurd	Manhasset, NY	
+9		
CUT David Hawley (a)	Bridgewater, CT	Ridgewood
+9		
CUT Jim Bedus	Berlin, CT	PGA Life Member
+9		
CUT Sam Rio (a)	Farmington, CT	Gillette Ridge GC
+9		
CUT Ken Comerford (a)	Columbia, CT	Tallwood Country
Club		+9
CUT Stephen Courtney (a)	Cheshire, CT	
+9		
CUT Richard K. Chagnon (a)	Chicopee, MA	
+10		
CUT Michael Myszkowski	Stonington, CT	Stonington CC
+10		
CUT Jim Romaniello (a)	Stamford, CT	
+10		
CUT Don Gliha	Manchester, CT	Connecticut Golf
Academy		+10
CUT Lloyd Matey	Oxford, CT	Western Hills GC
+10		
CUT Stephen Fisher (a)	West Hartford, CT	Rockledge GC
+10		
CUT James Schettino (a)	Sandy Hook, CT	Pomperaug GC
+11		
CUT Stephen Hartokolis (a)	Darien, CT	Great River GC
+11		
CUT Tom Kochan	Greenwich, CT	
+11		
CUT Chuck Lasher	Southington, CT	PGA Life Member
+11		

CUT Charles Slenker	Gales Ferry Ct	Elmridge Golf Course	
+11			
CUT Robert D. Wenz Jr.	Warren, NJ		
+11			
CUT Kenneth Williams (a)	Torrington, CT	Green Woods CC	
+12			
CUT Jeff Coderre	Weatogue, CT	Simsbury Farms Golf Course	
+12			
CUT Jim Gollinger (a)	North Haven, CT		
+12			
CUT Tom Gorman (a)	East Hartford, CT	Long Hill CC	
+12			
CUT James Sclafani	Holtsville, NY		
+12			
CUT Rick Cunha (a)	Plymouth, MA	Pinehills GC	
+12			
CUT John Palmer (a)	Milford, CT		
+13			
CUT Kenneth Passero (a)	Norwalk, CT	Shorehaven	
+13			
CUT Bill Marsh (a)	Orlando, FL		
+13			
CUT Wynne Bohannon (a)	Westport, CT	New Haven Country Club	
+13			
CUT Dick Weigold (a)	West Cornwall, CT	Torrington CC	
+13			
CUT Gregg Christie (a)	Watertown, CT		
+13			
CUT Stephen Roberts	Torrington, CT		
+14			
CUT Dan DiRico	East Longmeadow, MA		
+14			
CUT Mike Salvagno (a)	Trumbull, CT	Yale University Ellington Ridge CC	CUT Joel Sokolov (a) Vernon, CT
+14			
CUT Harold Rosnick (a)	Easton, CT		
+14			
CUT Richard Wilczewski (a)	Old Lyme, CT	Shennecossett GC	
+15			
CUT Dana Weber	Spofford, NH		
+15			
CUT Kent Dunn	Milford, CT	Oak Lane CC	
+15			
CUT Rick Nemec (a)	Watertown, CT	Watertown GC	
+15			
CUT Myles McCarthy	Middle Haddam, CT	Manchester CC	
+15			
CUT Robert Moro	Ossining, NY		

	+16		
CUT	Charles Nafie (a)	New York, NY	Stonington CC
	+16		
CUT	Peter Maier (a)	Shelton, CT	Highland GC
	+17		
CUT	Bill Torza (a)	Cromwell, CT	Timberlin GC
	+17		
CUT	Reg Zurinkas (a)	Simsbury, CT	
	+19		
CUT	Tony Coppola (a)	Norwalk, CT	
	+20		
WD	Joseph Abate (a)	Farmington, CT	Tunxis Plantation
	+2		
WD	Robert Moriarty (a)	Fairfield, CT	Country Club of Fairfield
	+7		
WD	John Brighenti (a)	Canton, CT	
WD	Tom DiRico	Agawam, MA	Chicopee CC
WD	Ivan Lendl	Goshen, CT	
WD	Jack McConachie	Plainville, CT	Pine Valley
WD	Richard Pober (a)	Weston, CT	Aspetuck Valley CC
WD	Mark Vinchesi (a)	Groton, CT	Shennecossett GC
WD	Mark Wertheim (a)	East Berlin, CT	
DQ	Frank Geiger (a)	Fairfield, CT	
	+10		
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